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श्रद्धेय राजेंद्रबाबू,
सादर प्रणाम,

आप के आग्रह से राष्ट्रीय झंडा खादी का ही बने अैसा तय हुआ था. खादी का मतलब " प्रमाणित खादी " अैसा ही हम मानते है. अिस के ~~आ~~ आधार पर हमने प्रयत्न कर के आय्. अेस्. आय्. के संतोष के झंडे भी बना लिअे हैं. खादी का झंडा देना है तो चरखा संघ को ही सप्लाय की जिम्मेवारी लेनी पडेगी. यह नैतिक बोझ वस्त्रस्वावलंबन का काम प्रमुख मानते हुअे भी संघ ने अुठाया है: प्रमाणित संस्था को भी अिस काम में लगाया हैं.

अब गृह मंत्री के दफ्तर से यह आदेश निकला है कि आर्डिनंस क्लोदिंग फॅक्टरी, शाहाजाहनपुर से झंडा सप्लाय होगा. हमें डर है शुद्ध खादी का विवेक वे नहीं कर सकेंगे. अैसी हालत में सरकार का यह आग्रह कि राष्ट्रीय झंडा खादी का ही हो ठहर न सकेगा. आप को मैंने यह सूचना अिसीलिअे भेजी कि आप अिस पर कुछ कर सकें.

आप की सेवा में सरकारी सर्क्यूलर की नकल भेज रहा हूँ.

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(धीरेन्द्र मजूमदार)
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श्री. काटजू साहब,
सादर वंदे,

आप की सेवा में सरकारी परिपत्र और अुस बारे में मैंने श्रद्धेय राजेंद्रबाबू को जो पत्र लिखा है अुस की नकल भेज रहा हूँ. राष्ट्रीय झंडा खादी का ही हो अैसा अुन का आग्रह रहा. मुझे पूर्ण आशा है कि आप के होते होम मिनिस्ट्री द्वारा झंडे का काम खादी का ही हो अैसी व्यवस्था हो सकेगी. आर्डिनंस फॅक्टरी ने खादी के लिये चरखा संघ से अब तक कोअी बात नहीं की है. मालूम नहीं वे खादी कहां से ले रहे हैं.

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Copy of C ircular letter No. 41/6/51 public, dated the 28th November I95I, from Shri A.V. Raman, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affai-rs, addressed to all state Governments (Parts A, B, C and D).

Subject: National Flag of India- Source of Manufacture and supply of-

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I am directed to invite a rererence to this Ministry's circular letter No.87/47 public (B), dated the 29th July I947, in which it was inter alia stated that the Government of Inida propose, for the future, to arrange to keep in stock national Flags of dirrerent sizes at a Central store on which indents could be made.

The National Flag has how been stan--dardised in . ive sizes viz. 21' X I4', 6'X4' 3' X 2', 9' X 6', the smallest being 2'X3', intended for use on motor cars. It has been decided that the manufacture and supply of National Flags of different materials e.g. Khadi, Silk etc. will be arranged by the superintendent, Ordnance Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur. As the Khadi and Silk materials used in the manufacutre of flags are difficult to secure and are not normally stocked in the Clothing Factory, the state Governments are requested to place advance orders upto one year on the Director General, Ordnance Factories, 6 Esplanade East, Calcutta in respect of their firm requirements. Standard Flags of woollen bunting of the various sizes mentioned above are, however, at present stocked XXXXX by the Ordnance Depts and may be obtained therefrom.

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No.F.35/52.

1st February, 1952.

My dear Dr. Katju,

Shriyut Dhirendra Majumdar, the President of the All India Spinners' Association has sent me copy of a letter which he has addressed to you as also of a circular letter No. 41/6/51 dated 28th November,1951 issued by Shri A.V.Raman, Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, addressed to all State Governments regarding the supply of National Flag by the Director General, Ordnance Factories, 6 Esplanade East Calcutta.

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You may not know the background and so I think it necessary to acquaint you with it. When the National Flag was first decided upon it was understood that it would be of hand-spun and hand-woven Khadi. Last year a committee was appointed to standardise various sizes of the Flag as also the material of which it should be made. At that time I drew the attention of the Prime Minister and, I believe, also of Sardar Patel to the effect that the material used should be handspun and handwoven but not necessarily cotton. It might be cotton, flex, wool, silk or any other material which might be considered durable and requested them to give instructions to the committee to take that into consideration. They agreed and instructions were given to the committee. I take it that Ordnance Factories have instructions to use only handspun and handwoven material, whether it is silk, cotton, wool or any other. A factory is not thelplace where handwoven material could easily be got but the factory could easily arrange with the All India Spinners' Association to supply them with the cloth according to their specifications made of no other material but handspun and handwoven. I hope you will look into the matter and see to it that the instructions of the Government in this respect are respected and carried out. The All India Spinners' Association is the body which could be relied upon to supply the necessary stuff according to specifications.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Dr.K.N.Katju,
Minister for Home Affairs,
Government of India.

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H.M. Home has not written anything so far on the subject. Should an enquiry be made as to the action, if any, taken in the matter?
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

New Delhi, March 22,1952.

my Dear Sharma

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Flag-I.

Will you please refer to the President's D.O.No.F.35/52, dated the 1st February, 1952, to Dr. Katju, regarding the supply of hand-spun and hand-woven material for the manufacture of National Flags?

2. As Dr. Katju is away on tour, I take the liberty of writing in reply to the President's letter. The position is that specifications have so far been laid down by the Indian Standards Institution only for Cotton Khadi. The Institute is still carrying out investigations in respect of hand-spun and hand-woven material for silk and wool. As regards "Cotton Khadi", the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have been requested to issue immediate instructions to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, to place all indents for cotton khadi required for the manufacture of National Flags with the All India Spinners' Association, Bajajwadi, Wardha (M.P.). The Textile Commissioner has also been told that the All India Spinners' Association is the only body which can be relied upon to supply the necessary hand-spun cotton khadi of the required specifications. This action has been taken after discussion with the representative of the All India Spinners' Association, Wardha, who stated that the Association could not undertake the manufacture of the flags but was only interested in the supply of the material for the manufacture of such flags.

Sri Dhebar is going on tour from 25/1/52 to 5/2/52 and may be seen by applicant during this period.

Submitted with papers.
Gal 22/3/52

Shri S.A. Lal,
Secretary to the President,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

(H.V.R. Iengar)

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प्रिय धीरेन बाबू,

आपका ता० २५.१.५२ का खत मिल गया था । इससे पहले मैं उत्तर इसलिये न दे सका क्योंकि मैं आवश्यक पूछताछ कर रहा था ।

फंडे की खादी के बारे में अन्तिम निश्चय यह किया गया है कि फंडे की खादी के तमाम आर्डर टेक्सटाइल कमिश्नर अखिल भारतीय चरखा संघ को ही देंवे ।

जहां तक रेशम और ऊन का सवाल है, उसके बारे में अभी जांच हो रही है और उसके पूरा होने पर ही आवश्यक कार्रवाई की जायेगी ।

उक्त निर्णय अखिल भारतीय चरखा संघ से बातचीत करके ही किया गया है ।

आपका,

राजेन्द्र प्रसाद ।

श्री धीरेन्द्र मजूमदार,
अध्यक्ष, अ.भा. चरखा संघ,
सेवाग्राम, वर्धा, मध्य प्रदेश ।

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA.
Dy. No. 1728-0/52
Date 19.8.52

No.41/6/51-Public
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

From

Shri A.V.Raman, M.A.,
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

To

All States (Part A, B, C, & D)

New Delhi-2, the 18th August 1952

Subject:- National Flag of India - Source of manufacture and supply of --

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to this Ministry's circular letter No.41/6/51-Public dated the 28th November 1951 on the subject mentioned above, and to say that the specifications for silk and woollen flags have not yet been finalised by the Indian Standards Institution. It would therefore, not be possible for the Ordnance Factories to supply silk flags. I am accordingly to request that no indent for silk flags should be placed on the Director General, Ordnance Factories, Calcutta for the present. Steps are being taken however to finalise the specifications for wool and silk fabrics.

Yours faithfully,

A V Raman

(A.V.RAMAN)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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No.41/6/51-Public New Delhi-2, the 18th August 1952

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i) the Ministry of Defence* with reference to their u.o. No.0426/D.(Fy) dated the 14th July 1952. In light of the views already expressed by the Indian Standards Institution, it is not possible for this Ministry to ask the Indian Standards Institution to introduce a provisional specification for the interim period, as desired. The Indian Standards Institution has, however, been requested to expedite a decision on the finalisation of the specifications for silk & woollen fabrics.

ii) the other Ministries* of the Government of India including Ministry of Finance (Defence), (Revenue) and (I&C) Divisions; Department of Economic Affairs; Department of Parliamentary Affairs; Cabinet Secretariat; Prime Minister's Secretariat; Partition Secretariat; Parliament Secretariat; Director, Intelligence Bureau; Director General Resettlement and Employment; Director of Co-ordination (Police-Wireless); Director, Secretariat Training School; Principal, Indian Administrative Service Training School; Commandant, Central Police Training College, Mount Abu; Inspector General, Special Police Establishment; Union Public Service Commission; Planning Commission; Office of the Election Commission; Military Secretary to the

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President; Secretary to the President; Establishment Officer to the Government of India and Auditor General in continuation of this Ministry's endorsement of even number dated the 28th November 1951.

(A.V.RAMAN)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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NEW DELHI,
~~Sept~~ember 10, 1952.

My dear Sharma,

Will you please refer to my D.O. letter No.41/6/51-Public, dated the 22nd March, 1952, regarding the supply of hand-spun and hand-woven material for the manufacture of National Flags?

2. I enclose for the information of the President a copy of a letter No.TDC 8/2A, dated the 27th August, 1952, from the Indian Standards Institution, Delhi, explaining the present position regarding formulation of standards in respect of silk khadi and wool khadi for the manufacture of the National Flag of India.

Yours sincerely,

(H.V.R. Iengar)

ri S.A. Lal,
y to the President,
shtrapati Bhavan,
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Copy of letter No.TDC 8/2A dated 27th August 1952 from Assistant Director, Indian Standards Institution, Delhi-8 to the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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Subject:- National Flag of India - Silk Khadi and Wool Khadi.

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I would refer to your letter No.41/16/52- Public dated 14th August 1952. I give below, in brief, the present position regarding formulationof standardsfor the National Flag of India (Silk Khadi and Wool Khadi):

1) Specification for National Flag of India - Silk Khadi - In accordance with the decision made in the last meeting of the National Flag of India Sectional Committee (TDC 8) two samples of undegummed silk khadi were obtained from the Government of West Bengal through the All India Spinners Association and forwarded to the Technical Development Establishment (TDE) Kanpur for tests. The tests under actual flying conditions, however, revealed that the silk bunting was unsuitable for the manufacture of National Flag of India. This lead to the conclusion that the weight of the cloth should be increased to approximately 2 oz /sq yard and coarser yarn used.

In pursuance of above recommendation four samples were obtained and sent to TDE T&C, Kanpur for tests. Physical test reports on these samples have been received in the ISI Directorate. The flags (four) made out of the samples. are, at present, undergoing trials at Kanpur under actual flying conditions. These trials usually take three to four months time. On receipt of the final test reports from the TDE T&C, Kanpur I shall place the data before TDC 8 for final selection of the material.

ii) National Flag of India - Wool Khadi - The woollen bunting was supplied by Shri N.L.Narayan,Sheep and Wool Improvement Officer, Government of Rajasthan in June 1951. The TDE T&C, to whom the work of dyeing the bunting to correct shades was entrusted for obvious reasons, preferred that a reputable firm of dye manufacturers should supply them the initial dye recipe. This was the basis from which to start with the development of the final recipe for dyeing the bunting to correct shades. Consequently I wrote in November 1951 to the Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., who have, since then, been conducting experiments in the Indian Laboratories with the help of their Laboratories in England and the TDE T&C to find out the correct recipe for colours to correspond as near as possible to the trichromatic values specified in IS:1-1951 Specification for the National Flag of India (Cotton Khadi). A great handicap in the progress of work has been that the only Spectrophotometer in India - the one with the TDEL - has been out of order for a long time. Repairs to such apparatus naturally take a long time since spare parts have to be imported. However, the apparatus is now reported to be in order and the matter is being actively pursued with the ICI who are now hopeful to finalize the recipe in a short time. On receipt of the recipe from them I shall forward the bunting to TDE T&C.

2. You will thus find that the matter is being actively pursued as the circumstances permit. It will be a matter of months before the specifications for the National Flag of India (Silk and Woollen Khadi) can be finalized.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT
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Government House,
New Delhi.
17th May 1951.

Ref. your No.3630-G/51 of 20th April 1951.

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4. All-India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, New Delhi.
5. All-India Cattle Show Committee, New Delhi.
6. All-India Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Calcutta.
7. First Asian Games, Brabourne Stadium, Bombay.
8. All-India Conference for the Blind, Bombay.
9. Automobile Association of Bengal, Calcutta.
10. Bengal United Service Club, Calcutta.
11. Bengal After-Care Association for Juveniles and Adolescents, Bally.
12. Bengal Athletic Sports Association, Calcutta.
13. Bengal Badminton Association, Calcutta.
14. City Athletic Club, Calcutta.
15. Calcutta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Calcutta.
16. Delhi Flying Club, New Delhi.
17. Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, New Delhi.
18. The Indian Cancer Society, Bombay.
19. National Sports Club of India, New Delhi.
20. National Cricket Club, Calcutta.
21. Rajkumar College, Raipur.
22. Simla Mazdoor's Welfare Society, Simla.
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9. Durand Football Tournament, Simla.
10. Girl Guides Association, Bombay.
11. Indian History Congress Association, Simla.
12. Indian Hockey Federation, Ambala City.
13. Indian Air Force Benevolent Fund Association, New Delhi.
14. International Statistical Institute (27th Biennial Conference).
15. Indian Roads Congress, New Delhi.
16. The Kennel Club of India, Calcutta.
17. Queen Mary's Technical School for Disabled Indian Soldiers, Kirkee.
18. Roshanara Club, Delhi.
19. Royal Agri-Horticultural Society of India, Calcutta.
20. Trained Nurses Association of India, Delhi.
21. United Service Institution of India, Simla.
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The President may see in view of his letter to Dr. Katju dated the 1st February 1952 and his minutes on Home Secretary's letter to the Secretary dated the 22nd March '52.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs.

Submitted with Mo. for information.
Gm 21.11.52

From

Shri A.V.Raman M.A.,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

All States (Part A, B, C & D).

New Delhi-2, the 19th, November 1952.

21/11/52

Subject:-National Flag of India - Source of manufacture and supply of--

Sir, (Flag)

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's circular letter No.41/6/51-Public dated the 18th August 1952 on the subject mentioned above, in which it was stated that specifications for woollen and silken flags have not yet been finalised by the Indian Standards Institution and that no indents for silken flags should be placed on the Director General, Ordnance Factory for the present.

In this connection, I am to point out that flags made of woollen buntings can be made available at the Ordnance Factory. These flags will be manufactured to the specification followed by the Army. I am accordingly to request that if the State Government see no objection, flags made of woollen buntings may be obtained from the Ordnance Factory, pending

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the standardisation of woollen and silk flags by the Indian Standards Institution which may take some more time.

Yours faithfully,

A.V.Raman

(A.V.Raman)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No.41/28/52-Public New Delhi.2, the 19th November 1952.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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To श्री धीरेन्द्र मजूमदार, अध्यक्ष,
अ.भा.चरखा संघ, सेवाग्राम, वर्धा ।

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(b) Loan at 100% for approved urban water supply & drainage schemes and grant-in-aid at 50 % for approved rural water supply and sanitation schemes.

(c) Yes, the following amounts have been allocated to the Government of Kerala for 1958-59. -

Urban schemes -	Rs. 60.0 lakhs
Corporation schemes.	Rs. 2.0 lakhs.
Rural schemes.	Rs. 9.0 lakhs.

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M.S.P.O.

A letter dated the 20th December 1960, from one Shri S.R. Chandra, Main Street, Dodballapur, Bangalore District, addressed to the Private Secretary to the President, is enclosed for disposal.

2. Regarding para. 2 of his letter, there is no correspondence available in this office but copies of some correspondence taken from Home Ministry's File sometime back may be seen in the file placed below, with special reference to Enclo:-A(Flag G).

3. The file may please be returned to this office when done with.

Sd/- Harnarain Singh,
Maj. Genl.
M.S.P.

S.P.
MSPO UO No.101/TS/FL(P), dated 4 Jan. 1961.

No.220-0/61.

Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi,
January 7, 1961.

My dear Fateh Singh,

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/- A.V.Pai,

Shri Fateh Singh,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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S.R. CHANDRA
Main Street
(Bangalore Dist.)

20th December 1960.

To

The Private Secretary
to the President of India,
Camp: Royal Cottage,
The Palace,
BANGALORE -1.

Dear Sir,

A true copy of my recent letter captioned, "THE PRESIDENT AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION," that was forwarded to nearly twenty important dailies and weeklies in India, is enclosed herein for information of the President. In the light of its contents I am eager to know whether the Constitution of India, according to its President, is worth the paper on which it is printed. And I have coined a new word to describe the kind of democracy that is being practised in India since a decade, viz., BASTARLOCRACY -- government by persons who in season and out of season allude to Mahatma Gandhi as the Father of the Nation, but are either too proud or ashamed to acknowledge the Almighty in their political bible and so selfish as to not to pass on the blessings of liberty even to their progeny. True copies of my correspondence on this subject, carried on with the present President of the United States of America Mr. Dwight Eisenhower, and Bharat Ratna C. Rajagopalachari, will be forwarded in case the President is interested in going through them.

In this connection, I wish to state that the President of India was guilty of showing scant respect to the State Emblem and National Flag of India, while travelling from Bangalore city to Delhi in the Bangalore-Guntakal Passenger train (which passes through Dodballapur) in the middle of August 1958. This fact was brought to the notice of one of his secretaries shortly thereafter; I wish to know what action was taken subsequently on the basis of my well-founded charges. Suffice it for me to state that I have ample documentary evidence to ridicule and embarass the President of India by publishing the entire relevant correspondence. My future action will depend upon the response I received to this

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communication and its enclosure.

I am forwarding copies of this letter and enclosure to the under-mentioned distinguished luminaries with whom I have had the pleasure of associating (personally and by correspondence) for quite a good number of years. They are:-

1. Bharat Ratna C. Rajagopalachari, Madras.
2. -ditto- Dr. M. Visvesvaraiya, Bangalore.
3. Padma Shri Dr. M.C.Modi, Eye Surgeon, Davangere.
4. Sri K. Hanumanthaiya, M.L.A. (Mysore), Bangalore.
5. Sri T. Siddalingaiya, M.L.A. (-do-) Bangalore.

Awaiting your reply to this letter,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Sd/- S.R. CHANDRA

Via: Express Dely.

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THE PRESIDENT AND THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION.

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S.R. Chandra
Main Street,
Dodballapur, S. India.

Sir - On the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of the new premises of the Indian Law Institute at New Delhi recently, the President Dr. Rajendra Prasad, has suggested that the institute should take up as a part of its research work the study and investigation of the question as to how the powers and functions of the President of India differed from those of the sovereign of Great Britian. Therefore, as a theistic citizen of India I wish to point out a few glaring incongruities in the present Constitution through the columns of your popular and esteemed daily.

"Those people who are not governed by God's laws will be ruled by tyrants, "said William Penn more than two centuries ago. The present preamble to the Constitution of India implies that Indian citizens are, to put it figuratively, bastards who are either too proud or ashamed to owe their allegiance to the Supreme in their political life and so selfish as to not to pass on the blessings of liberty even to their progeny. The significant words, "SO HELP ME GOD," which are solemnly affirmed at the end of an official oath of office by all elected ministers and members of the permanent services in all theistic nations, are absent in the Constitution of India. Thereby the sanctity of an official oath has been prostituted, and its implications are that India's elected legislators, ministers and its President are answerable neither to man nor God for their deeds of omission and commission which are committed during their tenure of office. Besides, according to the letter of such a sacrilegious oath our democratically elected rulers deem themselves to be so omniscient and omnipotent in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities, that even the Almighty's blessings and guidance is dispensable to them. And paradoxical as it may seem, they are implementing their atheistic and secular policies through theistic officials who are enjoined to do solemnly invoke the Eternal when joining the Government service. Therefore, the present relationship between the legislative and executive wings of the Indian government can be aptly compared to an unholy matrimony between an irresponsible

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philanderer who demands explicit obedience and fidelity from his poor, helpless wife to keep his home fires burning. To put it in a nutshell, a decade of political independence under a Constitution that lacks of the least religious influence in its letter and spirit has proved itself to be a veritable Pandora's box.

In this context, it may not be out of place to state that because the Constitution of the United States of America is theistic and secular, the words "UNDER GOD" were included in the Oath of Allegiance to its flag in 1954. The motto " IN GOD WE TRUST" occupies an important place in the American currency and and coins from the year 1864; the present U.S. President, Mr. Dwight Eisenhower, did not deem it necessary to be guided by the U.S. Senate and Congress when he ordered the issue of the LIBERTY "IN GOD WE TRUST" 3 cent and 8 cent denomination postage stamps in 1954.

It has been truly said that democracy can work only when God is the boss and when God guides He provides; to conclude in the words of a poet -

"Putting God in the Nation's life,
Bringing us back to the ideal thing ....
We've kept Him out of its life too long,
We've been afraid - to our utter shame -
To put Him into our speech and song,
To stand on the hustings and speak His name.
We've put all things in that life but Him,
We've put our selfishness, pride and how;
It is time for the true ideal to come,
And time for the low desire to go .....
Putting God in the Nation's life,
And putting it there in a style to stay."

I am,

Yours, etc.,

Sd/- S.R. Chandra.

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Secretary to the President.

C.R.
Date 6/1/61.

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